

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 1 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1260-1-01 (ACCNO 0079)
Name: FERGUSON, WALTER JR (NMN)

Status: (Z) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 14 May 1973

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Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

9 February 1985

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON WALTER FERGUSON JR. WAS PASSED TO THE SRV DURING THE 6-9 FEB 85 JCRC TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

2 December 1987

A CASE FILE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO WALTER FERGUSON JR, WAS MAILED TO THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT ON 18 MAR 87 BY THE EXEC DIR OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES. A CASE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO SAME WAS PASSED BY JCRC ON 4 AUG 87 TO THE SRV EMBASSY IN BANGKOK PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL VESSEY AND SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

9 March 1992

DURING THE 12-15 JAN 92 VISIT TO HAWAII, THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE DISCUSSED WITH THE CAMBODIAN TECHNICAL DELEGATION: 1260.

CASE 1260 NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM DURING THE 26-28 FEB 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING. (REF 4)

CASE: 1260

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

22 July 1992

ON 23 APR 92, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIA INVESTIGATION TEAM TRAVELED TO THREE SEPARATE VILLAGES TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS CONCERNING CASE 1260. PHUM SRE SEAN VILLAGE (WU600201), WAT ANGKOR NARAM (WU602103), AND ANLUNG PUONG VILLAGE (WU563177). BASED ON THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE INTERVIEWS, THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE LOCATION OF AN ALLEGED FORMER POW CAMP RELATED TO REFNO 1260. THE ALLEGED POW CAMP IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORD (WU563177), TBONG KHMUM DISTRICT, KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE. THE VILLAGERS INTERVIEWED HAD NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO AN AMERICAN POW HAVING EVER BEEN HELD AT THE ALLEGED POW CAMP. (REF 5)

6 August 1992

DIA AND JTF-FA AGREE ON INCIDENT LOCATION AND LAST KNOWN LOCATION; HOWEVER, FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES, THE JTF-FA CARRIES WALTER FERGUSON IN CAMBODIA. BASED ON HISTORICAL PURPOSES, DIA CARRIES WALTER FERGUSON IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 January 1993

FROM 1-14 NOV 92, A UNILATERAL TEAM COMPRISED OF MEMBERS FROM THE VNOSMP AND SONG BE PROVINCE TASK TEAMS CANVASSED LOCAL RESIDENTS IN SEARCH OF INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CASE 1260 THROUGHOUT THE NORTHERN DISTRICTS OF SONG BE PROVINCE. THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PERIOD, NOT ONE POTENTIAL WITNESS WITH EITHER FIRSTHAND OR HEARSAY INFORMATION COULD BE LOCATED. (REF 7)

28 January 1993

DURING JFA-20 (22 OCT-18 NOV 92) A JOINT TEAM ATTEMPTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. VNOSMP OFFICIALS STATED THEY COULD FIND NO WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS CASE. FURTHER, THE JOINT TEAM WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD BE CORRELATED TO THIS CASE. (REF 8)

28 September 1993

NO INFORMATION COULD BE CORRELATED TO CASE 1260 DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. FIVE PERSONS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF COSVN PRISON CAMP SYSTEMS WERE INTERVIEWED BUT NONE RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY WHEN DIRECTLY QUESTIONED ABOUT CASE 1260 OR A PRISONER THAT MAY HAVE BEEN SHOT WHILE ATTEMPTING TO FLEE. (REF 9)

CASE: 1260

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

28 September 1993

SRV DOCUMENT PROVIDED IN APR 93, TITLED "LIST OF AMERICAN PRISONERS THAT DIED IN THE SOUTH AFTER THEIR CAPTURE," CORRELATES TO REFNO 1260-1-01. LINE ENTRY #31 CORRELATES BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME. (REF 10)

15 October 1993

ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER BRIEF CASE ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH OF THE 27 DIED IN CAPTIVITY CASES. THE ASSESSMENTS WERE IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. PRESENTATION OF THE D.I.C. LIST AS A GUIDE FOR SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM INVESTIGATION. ONE OF THESE CASES WAS REFNO 1260, WHICH THE VIETNAMESE RECOMMENDED FOR FURTHER JOINT INVESTIGATION. (REF 11)

4 May 1994

ON 14 DECEMBER 1993, THE SRV PROVIDED SEVERAL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO 84 CASES ASSIGNED TO THE JTF-FA SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT). ONE DOCUMENT TITLED, "REGARDING U.S. PERSONNEL WHO DIED WHILE HELD CAPTIVE IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM", PROVIDES INFORMATION CORRELATING WITH REFNO 1260-1-01 AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, RANK, INCIDENT DATE AND LOCATION OF LOSS. (REF 12)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 20 DECEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1261-0-01 (ACCNO 6196)	Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: HEEP, WILLIAM ARTHUR	Date Status assigned: 15 Aug 1974	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit #
Service NAVY	Sex MALE	Blood type A #
Grade 03	Hair BROWN	Complexion #
SSAN	Eyes BROWN	Weapon #
Serial No DATA	Height 73 in /1.85 mtrs	Weapon No #
Birth date 6 Jun 1942	Weight 189 lb / 85.6 kg	Duty pos PILOT
Home State CALIFORNIA	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type:	WATER SITE
UTM:	48QYF640450
Lat/Long:	182850N / 1073001E
Country:	OVER WATER - VN
Military Region:	\$
Mission Province:	VN - OVERWATER
(formerly):	
Mission District:	VN - OVERWATER
Mission Date:	24 Aug 1968
Mission Category:	3
Local Analysis:	None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

No Information Available

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4B	Serial: 150434
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J79
Call Sign: TAPROOM 307	1 Serial: #
Year: \$	2 Serial: #

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.